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In re the Application of:

**Makoto INOUE et al.**

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2004, please amend this application and consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** beginning on page 13 of this paper.